

Passage to India

The Art of Mehndi-Henna Tattoos

Henna recipe-1 tsp powdered henna, 2 tsp brewed dark tea, 5 drops eucalyptus oil, 2 drops clove oil

Religions-Buddhism Hinduism Islam Sikhism Languages-Variou dialects, Nahmastay

Resources to Check Out

- Betty Crocker's Indian Home Cooking* by Raghavan Iyer 641.5954 C938b
Bollywood Crafts by Momtaz Begum-Hossain YA745.5 B418b
Everything You Need to Know About Mehndi by Stefanie Iris Weiss YA391.6 W432e
Henna from head to toe! by Norma Pasekoff Weinberg YA391.6W423h
Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan YAWHELA F
 Married and promptly widowed at 13, Koly finds herself in the grim position of being cast out by a society that has no place for girls like her. With a seemingly hopeless future in India, this courageous and spirited young woman sets out to forge her own destiny.
- India Land of Celebration* by Rupindar Khullar 954 K45i
India Unveiled by Robert Arnett 954.052 A748i
Mahatma Gandhi by Simon Adams YAB G1954ad
Mehndi Designs: Traditional Henna Body Art by Marty Noble YA391.6 N751m
Mohandas Gandhi by David Downing YAB G1954do
A Passage to India DVD MO
Sacred India published by Lonely Planet Publications 954 S123i
Seduced by the Beauty of the World 954.052 B651s
Shiva's Fire by Suzanne Fisher Staples YASTAPLS
 A Hindu girl, known in her village for her dancing, is chosen to study with a dance guru.

Bollywood Films

Lagaan	Rang de Besanti	Ashoka	Om shanty Om (just goofy)
Ghajini	Salaam Bombay (not really Bollywood- actually very good)		
Maqbool	Om kara	Billu	Devdas

Monsoon Wedding (Mira Nair directed crossover)

Music

Buddha Bar Personal CD
The Rough Guide to Ravi Shankar 787.82 S528rw
Jai Uttal Footprints 781.6254 U93ft

Food

Hummus and pitas, grapes and olives or order an assortment of Indian food & various hot teas

Nihon Matsuri

Japanese Culture Festival

A celebration of all things Japanese hosted by the Teen Council & Animanga Club

Festival Style Booths

Paper and Origami Art by Natsuko
GoKo Printer's Guild by Christian
Japanese Calligraphy by a local artist
Japanese Art by The Cincinnati Art Museum
Music and Origami by The Sakura Ladies Chorus
Japanese Festival Games by the Teen Council
Kendo Information by The Northern Kentucky Kendo Club
Manga Art and Sumi-e Painting by Shaelyn
Kabuki Masks by Zhou
Mango Language Lab by KCPL
Greater Cincinnati Bonsai Society
Japanese Teas by Essenza Tea House & Fine Teas
Sushi by Matsuya Restaurant
Candy Sushi by KCPL
Japanese Refreshments by KCPL

Presentations

Cosplay
Northern Kentucky Kendo Club
Japanese Tea Ceremony by Essenza Tea House
Kabuki by Zhou
Japanese Music Mixer
Otaku Choir

Displays

Highlight Manga section, Japanese language, history & art sections

World Culture Café

La France

Tour of France culture and history through photos

French Language

Teach salutations and basic conversational phrases

Art

Discuss various art movements & French artists

Painting *en plein air* on canvas with oils in the gardens of Baker Hunt

Food

Make your own crepes with various toppings

French cheeses & baguette

Chocolate & pastries

Sirops drinks

Resources

I will email the bibliography if you would like.

Hunger Games Party

Survival Strategy Scavenger Hunt

Trivia Contest

Panem's Next Top Stylist

Hunger Games Challenge, each Tribute has to complete all tasks for entry into raffle

- Nerf Darts duel

- Poisonous vs. Edible plants

- Archery target practice with Nerf crossbow (knock down 2 or more birds)

- One-legged hopping

- Parachute target

- Knot tying (first 3 to tie knot)

- Thumb wrestling

- Camouflage face painting

- Tribute Trial on <http://www.thehungergames.co.uk/game>

Suzanne Collins reading from Mockingjay, <http://mockingjay.net/>

Decorate your own cookie like Peeta

Bows & Arrows

The Lottery & Refuel

Decorations

- Light blue tablecloths

- Black plates/napkins

- Bookcovers

- Arrows

- Districts Board

Snacks

- Blueberries

- Strawberries

- Gummy fish

- Gummy bugs & mushrooms

- Trail Mix

- Kit Kat bars

- Snowcaps

- Water

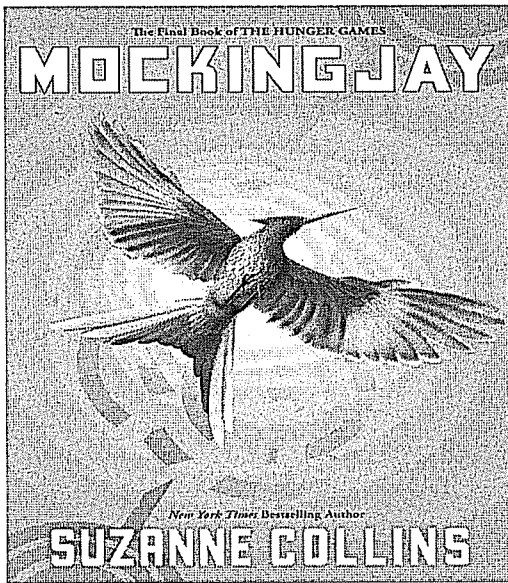
- Goat cheese & crackers

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HOW WILL IT END?

Welcome to the KCPL Hunger Games Party!

Survival Strategy Scavenger Hunt

Over 60 parachutes with the items necessary to survive our 12 scenarios have been placed around the library. The goal: assemble your team and attempt to procure the items needed to survive. All participants must report to the gamemakers for the rules of the hunt.

Panem's Next Top Stylist

A two person team or group must choose a tribute. Using the materials provided, design the LOOK that will take the Capitol City by storm at the Opening Ceremonies. Potential Stylists must present themselves at the remake center for further instruction.

The Biggest Brain in 12 Districts

What's a book release party without a trivia quiz? Test your knowledge of the first two books with our written quiz. Truly large brains will not consult the books for help.

WE will be watching.

Turn in your trivia to the gamemasters.

Intermission **8:00 p.m.**

The Survival Scavenger Hunt & the Tribute Styling Contest will end at this time and we will begin determining winners.

Hunger Games Challenge

Are you a worthy tribute? Complete as many tasks as you can and get an entry into the raffle.

Katniss' Bow & Arrows

Create your very own weapon for the Hunger Games.

Peeta's Decorating Challenge

Do you have Peeta's adept decorating skills? Try your hand at decorating a cookie like Peeta.

The Lottery

You will receive one lottery entry upon entrance. Additional entries will be awarded throughout the evening at the Gamemakers' discretion. Lottery winnings may include: a copy of Mockingjay and Hunger Games swag.

The End

So the Government Has Taken Over Your Life: What's What in Dystopian Fiction. Visit our DOWN WITH THE CAPITOL! underground book display. True revolutionaries will have completed Mockingjay in a matter of hours/days. Then what? Get the low-down on what to read next.



Survival Strategy Scavenger Hunt

Object: Be the first team back to the Cornucopia with all supplies necessary to survive any one of the given scenarios.

Playing the Game

- Choose your team. Individuals may play but if you are with a group, we encourage team participation.
- See the Gamemaker for your list of scenarios. Each team will be given 6 of the 12 possible scenarios.
- Attempt to acquire the supplies to survive any one scenario. All “supplies” are attached to parachutes and will be in plain sight. Some parachutes will have tags representing the necessary supply and some will have the actual item attached. All items fall into the general categories of: Food, Water, Weapons, Tools and Shelter. No items will be found upstairs.
- The first team back to the Cornucopia with a complete scenario wins & that scenario will be taken out of the game.
- Winning teams get 1 extra lottery entry per person.
- An announcement will be made when a scenario is marked complete. There will also be a game board marking those that are out of the game.
- At 8:00 all teams will report to the Cornucopia where the winners will be announced and lottery entries awarded.

The Rules

- A team may only complete one scenario at a time.
- A team should not be in possession of more than 5 supplies at any time. When turning in a complete scenario, a team will not have “extra” supplies.
- Scenarios may be completed in any order.
- As soon as you have all items for a scenario, you must turn them in to the Gamemaker. That scenario will be taken out of the game and the team can continue to play.
- Depending on the number of players, the Gamemaker reserves the right to limit a team to no more than 2 complete scenarios.
- Parachutes with tags attached must be left with the Gamemaker. Any actual items attached to parachutes may be kept by the team.

Scavenger Hunt

.....May the odds be *ever* in your favor!

* See a Gamemaker for all the Official Rules. The items to look for are **bold & underlined**

#1

You have been told to get water, but you didn't fight your way into the cornucopia to get it. Luckily, you found a stream. Do you have a bottle to carry water in ? You had no idea the nights here would be so cold. You're going to need a blanket, sleeping bag or tarp.

#2

You didn't eat yesterday and now you are starving. If only you had a book about edible plants and some wire so you can set a trap. A weapon will also come in handy for hunting.

#3

You have caught a rabbit stuck in the bushes, but you will not eat it raw. You'll need matches or a fire starter to get a fire going and a knife or sword to cut up the meat.

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#7

You fashion a crutch for yourself out of a tree limb with your tools. You're glad you still have your knife or sword to cut the extra branches off. Your foot is too swollen for your shoe, but you tear up a sheet and tie the strips over your foot to protect it as you move to a better cave. However, you are not the only one to choose this cave! You are shocked to discover there is a family of wolves here also, and the mother wolf is going to fiercely protect her pups. You grab your shield to fend off her attacks then grab your hammer, sword or knife. You are fast with a weapon, and the wolf is now lying, bleeding, at your feet.

#8

Quickly, you use your knife or sword to cut the meat into strips. You use your fire starter or matches to build a fire out of the nearby brush, and you roast the meat to save for later. However, you know the smell of meat will attract more animals. You wrap the meat in a sheet and suspend it from a tree with part of your rope to keep it protected from carnivores.

#4

Once you're done, you kick dirt on top of the fire when you are done cooking, but the smoke alerts the Career Pack, and now they are chasing you through the forest. If you have water, you can make mud to camouflage yourself as you hide in the bushes. Unfortunately, the bushes have thorns, and you find yourself bleeding all over. You'll need Band-aids and /or medicine for your wounds.

#5

It seems as if your pursuers will never leave, and they are so close you can hear everything they say. Finally, all of them leave except one. You whip out your hammer, sling shot, sword or knife and take him out! You decide to run before the group comes back and finds a lifeless body. You head out into a desert area, where rocks are as sharp as broken glass. Thank goodness you have shoes so you can run faster.

#6

Suddenly, a rattlesnake slithers out in front of you, and you can't stop running in time. You step on it & it bites you. Good thing you won that anti-venom, which you apply immediately. You know you have to get somewhere safe, so you crawl into a cave to wait while you hope the anti-venom works. To prevent shock, you roll yourself up in the sleeping bag or blanket. You fall fast asleep and when you finally wake up, you feel better but unbelievably hungry. You are not strong enough to walk on your own and certainly you can't hunt. But you need food fast. You open your pack & find just what you need...crackers, bread, beef strips or a book on edible plants.

#9

Your water bottle is dry so you must set off again in search of water. Your foot is not so swollen now, so you put on your shoes to head back outside in search of water. As you go, the desert gives way to rolling hills and thorny brush. Suddenly, you hear geese overhead, and you draw your bow and arrow to try to shoot one down. An excellent shot, you have just added some food and juicy meat to your supply. You take the other part of your rope and tie the goose to your waist so you can eat it later.

#10

It starts to rain. You use your shield to gather rainwater, then pour it into your empty container, while keeping your body dry by using the tarp as a raincoat.

#11

You hear the sound of the Career pack again, and you know you have to hide, quick! But in climbing a tree, you scrape skin off your knees so you are bleeding heavily. Medicine that will prevent an infection or band-aids will keep the wound clean. Unfortunately, your blue tarp gives you away. The group of vicious players has spotted you in the tree, but you are quicker than they are. You take one out with a hammer and use a sword or knife to get the other two.

#12

As night falls, you return to your cave. Your flashlight helps you see that there are no animals in there anymore. You make a fire with your fire-starter or matches for warmth and cooking, and you roast the goose you shot earlier. After your supper, you add the meat to your sheet bag and go to sleep thankful that your goose has been cooked.

Hunger Games Trivia



1. What is Prim's cat's name?
2. Katniss, her family and Dale all live in a poor section of District 12 called the...?
3. How did Katniss's father die?
4. What did Katniss learn from her father?
5. What is the name of the Capitol City?
6. What is the "reaping"?
7. What is Katniss's mother's occupation?
8. Why was Katniss so surprised when they called Prim's name at the reaping?
9. What memory does Katniss have of Peeta when they were younger?
10. What is "tesserae"? Why is it good and bad?
11. What does Katniss mean when she says to her mom, "don't clock out again!" before she leaves for the Capitol.
12. How does Prim help the family?
13. Why does Peeta's father come to see Katniss before she leaves the district for the Hunger Games?
14. What does Madge give to Katniss before she leaves?
15. The Capitol is in a place that was once called _____?
16. District 12 was once called _____?
17. What do Peeta and Katniss do that proves to Haymitch they might actually be good contenders in the Hunger Games?

18. What is the main function or industry for the following districts: #1, #3, #4, #11, #12, #13 (now destroyed)
19. Katniss thought her opening ceremony costume would be ?
20. What is the name of the leader of the Capitol?
21. Who are the stylists for Katniss and Peeta?
22. What is an "avox"?
23. Why is it so hard for Katniss to let Peeta become a friend?
24. What are Career Tributes?
25. Rue is from what which district? What is she good with?
26. Katniss is the last tribute to show her talents to the Gamemakers during the training. They are ignoring her because they are more interesting in their food. What does Katniss do?
27. How does Katniss's relationship with Dale develop?
28. What does Peeta say in his interview before the games start that stuns the audience?
29. What is Haymitch's final advice for Katniss and Peeta when they first arrive at the Cornucopia?
30. Katniss meets Peeta on the roof the night before the games. What is his goal for the Hunger Games?
31. How long can the tributes stand on the metal circles when they first are in the Hunger Games and what happens if they don't move within that time limit
32. What does the Cornucopia look like and what is in it (name at least 3 items)?
33. What does Katniss get from the Cornucopia?
34. Who tries to kill Katniss first and what does she get from her?
35. Why are the cannons shot?
36. How does the wire help Katniss?
37. Where does Katniss find it is best to sleep?
38. Why do the Careers let Peeta into their gang?

39. At one point, Katniss is so dehydrated that she lies down to die. What stops her?
40. What is the first major catastrophe that the Gamemakers cause for Katniss?
41. Katniss gets hit by a fireball on her leg and is in great pain. She knows she should not show her pain. Why?
42. Katniss hold up high in a tree so the Careers cannot get to her. What does Rue warn her about?
43. Why are these wasps so dangerous?
44. What does Katniss do with the "tracker jacker" nest?
45. What does Katniss take from Glimmer after she has swollen up from the wasp stings and is dead?
46. Katniss originally thinks that Peeta is buddies with the Careers. What causes her to change her mind?
47. Who becomes a major ally of Katniss even before Peeta?
48. How do Rue and Katniss signal each other?
49. Why did the Careers let the boy from District 3 live?
50. What is Rue's request of Katniss as she is dying?
51. Katniss makes a vow to Rue after she dies. What is it?
52. Katniss tried to find Peeta and followed the water going down the stream until she sees some blood on a boulder. How is Peeta hiding?
53. What is Peet's injury when Katniss finds him and why is it going to be so bad?
54. Haymitch sends a pot of broth as a gift while Peeta and Katniss are in the cave. Why does he do this and what does it mean?
55. Katniss tells Peeta a story while they are in the cave. What is it about?
56. Claudius Templesmith offers a Feast backpack at the Cornucopia for each tribute with things they really need. Peeta threatens to follow Katniss if she goes. What bargain does Katniss make with Peeta for her not to go?
57. Why does Haymitch send a parachute to Katniss with a vial of sleeping syrup?
58. What important things does Katniss do before she leaves Peeta in the cave to get the Feast backpack? 3 things
59. Which ear is Katniss deaf in from the explosion?

60. What kind of wound does Clove give Katniss?
61. Why does Thresh pull Clove off of Katniss when she is about to slice up her face?
62. What weapon did Thresh use to kill Clove?
63. What did Thresh take before he left the Cornucopia for the Feast?
64. Haymitch said that one kiss between Katniss and Peeta equals what?
65. Why doesn't Katniss trust her mother?
66. When did Peeta's crush for Katniss start?
67. What did Katniss's mother love about her father?
68. Why do Katniss and Peeta stay in the cave so long when they are starving?
69. If a tribute wins the Hunger Games where do they live afterwards?
70. If you win the Hunger Games, what is one of your jobs in your district?
71. After clove, who was the next tribute to die?
72. Why does Katniss believe she will never have children of her own?
73. What were the two good things about the four day rain storm?
74. Why do Peeta and Katniss have to split up while they are hunting?
75. How does Foxface die?
76. Why does Katniss think that Cato hates her so much to distraction?
77. How do the Gamemakers drive Peeta, Katniss, and Cato to the lake for the final show down?
78. The creatures that run after Cato, Katniss, and Peeta resemble ferocious wolves, but also part human. They are really what?
79. Why do Peeta and Katniss hear Cato moan at the bottom of the Cornucopia for hours?
80. Why doesn't Katniss want Peeta to go to sleep while they are on the top of the Cornucopia?

81. What weapon does Katniss use to help Peeta's leg bleed less, and what does she make with it?
82. How do Katniss and Peeta trick the Gamemakers so that both of them can live and be victors of the Hunger Games?
83. What warning does Haymitch give Katniss just before the Victor's Ceremony?
84. What does Katniss learn about Peeta when they finally sit down to talk.
85. What is Peeta upset with Katniss at the end of the story?
86. Should Katniss choose Peeta or Gale for her boyfriend?

Teen Urban Fiction

After Tupac & D Foster by Jacqueline Woodson, YA WOODS

In the New York City borough of Queens in 1996, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as together they try to make sense of the unpredictable world in which they live.

Amiri & Odette by Walter Dean Myers, YA MYERS

A modern, urban retelling in verse of the ballet in which Amiri falls in love with beautiful Odette and fights evil Big Red for her on the streets of Swan Lake Projects.

Bang! By Sharon Flake, YA FLAKE S

A teenage boy must face the harsh realities of inner city life, a disintegrating family, and destructive temptations as he struggles to find his identity as a young man.

Behind You by Jacqueline Woodson, YA WOODS J

After fifteen-year-old Jeremiah is mistakenly shot by police, the people who love him struggle to cope with their loss as they recall his life and death, unaware that 'Miah is watching over them.

Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes, YA GRIME N

While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.

Brother hood by Janet McDonald, YA MCDON J

Sixteen year-old Nate, an academically gifted student who attends an exclusive boarding school, straddles two cultures as he returns home for occasional visits to see his family and "gangsta crew" in Harlem.

Bullet Point by Peter Abrahams, YA ABRAH P

The only thing 17-year-old Wyatt knew about his biological father was that he was serving a life sentence, but circumstances and a new girlfriend bring them together and soon Wyatt is working to prove his father's innocence.

Chameleon by Charles R. Smith, Jr., YA SMITH C

It's a typical summer for 14-year-old Shawn. He's hanging out with his friends and avoiding confrontations with the roving gangs of Crips and Pirus, who think they own the streets of Compton, where his aunt lives and where he goes to school. But as he gets older and life on the L.A. streets starts to get more dangerous, Shawn begins to think that he'd fare better in the suburb where his parents live, even though he'd be a latchkey kid. And after a particularly vicious fight with a group of older gang members and some embarrassing scenes with drunken Aunt Gertie, Shawn's parents agree that he should attend his local high school in the fall. Is Shawn willing to trade his friendships with his loyal boys, not to mention a budding relationship with Marisol, in exchange for calm and stability in a new school where he knows no one?

Dark Sons by Nikki Grimes, YA GRIME N

Alternating poems compare and contrast the conflicted feelings of Ishmael, son of the Biblical patriarch Abraham, and Sam, a teenager in New York City, as they try to come to terms with being abandoned by their fathers and with the love they feel for their younger stepbrothers.

Darkness Before Dawn by Sharon Draper, YA DRAPE S

Recovering from the recent suicide of her ex-boyfriend, senior class president Keisha Montgomery finds herself attracted to a dangerous, older man.

Dope Sick by Walter Dean Myers, YA MYERS W

Seeing no way out of his difficult life in Harlem, seventeen-year-old Jeremy "Lil J" Dance flees into a house after a drug deal goes awry and meets a weird man who shows different turning points in Lil J's life when he could have made better choices.

The Exorsistah by Claudia Mair Burney, YA BURNE C

Emme, a teen on the run from the foster care system, is able to see and fight demons with the power of her faith. When she meets up with a handsome, would be priest and a team of exorcists, she learns the true depth of her strength.

First Part Last by Angela Johnson, YA JOHNS A

Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

From Pieces to Weight: Once Upon a Time in the Southside, Queens by 50 Cent, YA 781.649092 F469

In this honest and riveting biography, rapper 50 Cent tells of his rise from drug-dealing teen to Billboard chart topper. 50 shares details of his home life and early experiences on the street.

Gangsta Rap by Benjamin Zeph, YA ZEPH B

Two troubled teens dream to form a rap group. After joining a special social program at school, they and their new group land a record deal. But their dream soon becomes a nightmare as violence around them escalates.

A Girl Like Me by Ni Ni Simone, YA SIMON N

Elite Dreams of meeting her idol Haneef and escaping from her role as surrogate mother to her younger brothers and sisters. After winning a singing contest, she is able to meet Haneef, but struggles to keep her dysfunctional family a secret.

Harlem Hustle by Janet McDonald, YA MCDON J

Eric "Hustle" Samson, a smart and street-wise 17 year-old dropout from Harlem, aspires to rap stardom, a dream he naively believes is about to come true.

Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices, YA 811.54 M996h

Celebrates the people of Harlem with powerful and soulful first person poems.

Hip-Hop High School by Alan Lawrence Sitomer, YA SITOM A

Follows an African-American teenager through her four years at her inner-city high school.

The Hoopster by Alan Lawrence Sitomer, YA SITOM A

17-year-old Andre is a typical teen; he lives for basketball, tries to connect with his girlfriend, and argues with his friends and family. When he's brutally attacked by a racial separatist, Andre must look deep inside to discover who he really is.

Hot Girl by Dream Jordan, YA JORDA D

Kate, a 14 year old Brooklyn girl and former gang member, risks losing her first good foster family when she adopts the risqué ways of her flirtatious new friend, Naleejah.

If I Grow Up by Todd Strasser, YA STRAS T

For DeShawn, joining a gang seems like a terrible decision—why would he want to work for a pittance running drugs when the inevitable consequences are jail or an early death?

Jason & Kyra by Dana Davidson, YA DAVID D

Handsome and popular Jason tries to come to terms with his often absent father and his growing attraction to the quiet, studious Kyra.

Joseph by Sheila P. Moses, YA MOSES S

Joseph lives with his alcoholic, drug-addicted mother in a homeless shelter. After his parents got divorced, Joseph's father wants sole custody of his son, but is deployed to Iraq. This heartbreaking story follows Joseph as he moves in and out of different schools and homeless shelters and tries to take care of his mother.

Joseph's Grace, YA MOSES S

Joseph's sophomore year is about to begin, but his new start is a false one. At his father's request Joseph moved in with Aunt Shirley, Uncle Todd and cousin Jasmine over the summer, to distance himself from his mother's drug problems and the dangerous characters she interacts with.

Jumped by Rita Williams-Garcia, YA WILLI R

The lives of Leticia, Dominique, and Trina are irrevocably intertwined through the course of one day in an urban high school after Leticia overhears Dominique's plans to beat up Trina and must decide whether or not to get involved.

Keesha's House by Helen Frost, YA FROST H

Seven teens facing such problems as pregnancy, closeted homosexuality, and abuse each describe in poetic forms what caused them to leave home and where they found home again.

Kendra by Coe Booth, YA BOOTH C

Fourteen-year-old Kendra, a child of teen parents, lives in the Bronx with her grandmother while her absentee mother is off earning her PhD. After Kendra's grandmother evicts her for having sex with a boy, Kendra and her mother must build a relationship while they live together for the first time in Kendra's life.

Lockdown by Walter Dean Myers, YA MYERS W

Teenage Reese, serving time at a juvenile detention facility, gets a lesson in making it through hard times from an unlikely friend with a harrowing past.

Money Hungry by Sharon Flake, YA FLAKE S

All 13 year old Raspberry can think of is making money so that she and her mother never have to worry about living on the streets again.

Begging for Change by Sharon Flake, YA FLAKE

Teenaged Raspberry Hill tries to sort out her confused feelings of disgust, shame, and love for her homeless, drug addicted father and worries that she might inherit his lying and stealing ways.

Monster by Walter Dean Myers, YA MYERS W

While on trial as an accomplice to murder, 16 year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.

145th Street: Short Stories by Walter Dean Myers, YA MYERS W

A wrenchingly honest collection of stories set on one block of 145th Street in Harlem. Readers get to know the oldest resident; the cop on the beat; fine Peaches and her girl, Squeezie; Monkeyman; Benny, a fighter on the way to a knockout; and other residents who jump off the page and pull readers into the mix on 1-4-5.

The Orange Houses by Paul Griffen, YA GRIFF P

Tamika, a fifteen-year-old hearing-impaired girl, Jimmi, an eighteen-year-old veteran who stopped taking his antipsychotic medication, and sixteen-year-old Fatima, an illegal immigrant from Africa, meet and connect in their Bronx, New York, neighborhood, with devastating results.

Patterson Heights by Felicia Pride, YA PRIDE F

Avery's world is torn apart after a drug dealer's son shoots his brother Rashid. Uprooted from his home in Patterson Heights, Avery stays silent about the killer's identity in order to protect his family from retaliation.

Peer Pleasure by Danita Carter, YA CARTE D

Walburton Academy, a private school for NYC's rich Upper West siders, gets turned upside down when Lucas, an up and coming rap star, joins the student body. Beautiful twins Kennedy and Reagan vie for Lucas' attention, each for a different reason.

Perfect Chemistry by Simone Elkeles, YA ELKEL S

When wealthy, seemingly perfect Brittany and Alex Fuentes, a gang member from the other side of town, develop a relationship after Alex discovers that Brittany is not exactly who she seems to be, they must face the disapproval of their schoolmates--and others.

Push by Sapphire

Precious Jones, 16 years old and pregnant by her father with her second child, meets a determined and highly radical teacher who takes her on a journey of transformation and redemption.

Pushing Pause by Celeste O. Norfleet, YA NORFL C

Kenisha has good friends who also live to dance, a hot boyfriend headed for the NBA, loving parents and a bling-filled home in the burbs. But all that changes when her dad drops a bomb: he wants a divorce -- and his pregnant girlfriend is moving in. Suddenly, Kenisha and her mom are squeezed into her grandmother's small house in the city, and Kenisha's sharing a bedroom with a cousin she barely knows. Could she hate her life anymore?

Fast Forward by Celeste O. Norfleet, YA NORFL C

Sequel to Pushing Pause. Kenisha Lewis' life spins out of control after the death of her mother. Her anger causes her to make some horrible choices. Will the love of her family and friends be enough to save her?

Response by Paul Volponi, YA VOLPO P

When an African American high school student is beaten with a baseball bat in a white neighborhood, three boys are charged with a hate crime.

Retaliation by Yasmin Shiraz, YA SHIRA Y

Violence runs rampant on the streets of Washington, DC, and on one seemingly quiet day, the Odom family finds its world destroyed when seventeen-year-old Tashera is brutally attacked by a group of high school girls. Retaliation exposes the corrupting existence of violence in our communities and the retaliatory measures families go through to protect themselves and their children.

Romiette & Julio by Sharon Draper, YA DRAPE S

Romiette, an African-American girl, and Julio, a Hispanic boy, discover that they attend the same high school after falling in love on the internet, but are harassed by a gang whose members object to their interracial dating.

Rooftop by Paul Volponi, YA VOLPO

Still reeling from seeing police shoot his unarmed cousin to death on the roof of a New York City housing project, seventeen year-old Clay is dragged into the whirlwind of political manipulation that follows.

The Rose That Grew from Concrete by Tupac Shakur, YA 811.54 S527r

A collection of verse written by the late Tupac Shakur. Topics include life in the ghetto, teenage parenting, Nelson Mandela, poverty and violence. Over one hundred poems included.

Scorpions by Walter Dean Myers, YA MYERS W

After reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem gang, the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun-until a tragedy occurs.

Sentences: The Life of M.F. Grimm by Percy Carey, YA CAREY P

Underground hip-hop icon Percy Carey, a.k.a. M.F. Grimm, tells the true story of his life in the game, from dizzying heights to heartbreaking losses, in this raw, brutally honest graphic novel memoir.

Shortie Like Mine by Ni Ni Simone, YA SIMON N

Newark teen Seven experiences the ups and downs of high school love with the help of her friends and quirky family members.

Other titles:

A Girl Like Me

If I Was Your Girl

Teenage Love Affair

Upgrade You

The Skin I'm In by Sharon Flake, YA FLAKE S

Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.

Snitch by Allison Van Diepen, YA VANDI A

Julia and her friend Q have made a pact to stay away from the gangs that divide their Brooklyn school and neighborhood. When Julia's new boyfriend joins the Crips, she is faced with a difficult decision: break up with Eric or embrace the gang life.

Street Love by Walter Dean Myers, YA MYERS W

Written in free verse and set in violent and poverty-stricken Harlem, this book tells the story of a teen romance from both sides: the point-of-view switches between Damien and Junice as they each struggle through their issues and dream of a future together.

Street Pharm by Allison Van Diepen, YA VANDI A

Ty Johnson knows survival. Since inheriting his pop's business at sixteen, Ty's developed smarts, skills and mad discipline. The supply game's in his blood. And life is pretty sweet when you're on top. But one slip and life turns ugly quick. Suddenly, Ty has to rethink his strategy and for the #1 dealer on the streets, strategy is not just about staying ahead. It's about survival.

Tears of a Tiger by Sharon Draper, YA DRAPE S

The death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile accident affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car, and many others in the school.

Forged by Fire by Sharon Draper, YA DRAPE S

Teenage Gerald who has spent years protecting his fragile half-sister from their abusive father, faces the prospect of one final confrontation before the problem can be solved.

Ten Mile River by Paul Griffin, YA GRIFF P

Having escaped from juvenile detention centers and foster care, two teenaged boys live on their own in an abandoned shack in a NYC park, making their way to stealing, occasionally working, and trying to keep from being arrested.

Tyrell by Coe Booth, YA BOOTH C

Fifteen-year-old Tyrell, who is living in a Bronx homeless shelter with his spaced-out mother and his younger brother, tries to avoid temptation so he does not end up in jail like his father.

We Beat the Streets: How A Friendship Pact Led to Success by Sampson Davis, YA 610.922 Davi

Three men from Newark, NJ, made a pact when they were young: they would get out of their neighborhood, stay clean, and make a difference by becoming doctors. Their inspirational, true story shows that with drive and passion, youth can choose to beat the street.

Who You Wit'? by Paula Chase, YA CHASE P

When Mina Mooney betrays the clique's year-long virginity pact, she fears that her best friend Lizzie will never forgive her, while Kelly is only too happy to take things slow with Greg, and Jacinta has a pregnancy scare.

You Don't Even Know Me: Stories and Poems About Boys by Sharon Flake, YA FLAKE S
22 poems and short stories about African American guys.

Yummy: The Last Days of Southside Shorty by Greg Neri, YA 364.1066 N445y

A graphic novel based on the true story of Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, an 11 year-old African American gang member from Chicago who shot a young girl and was then shot by his own gang members.

Series

Babygirl Drama by Babygirl Daniels, YA DANIE B

16 on the Block, #1

16 ½ on the Block, #2

Sister, Sister, #3

Glitter, #4

A BFF Novel by Kimani Press Tru

Chasing Romeo by A.J. Byrd, YA BYRD A

Anjenai, Kierra and Tyler believe their bond is strong enough to survive anything.

Anything--except maybe Romeo Blackwell, the finest guy and a star athlete in their new high school. What starts out as a small fan club soon becomes a huge competition. And to win, Anjenai, Kierra and Tyler will have to be down for whatever.

Losing Romeo by A.J. Byrd, YA BYRD A

When best friends Anjenai, Kierra, and Tyler enter high school, they vie for the attention of Romeo, the school's football star, while Phoenix, Romeo's girlfriend, vows to do anything she can to keep him.

Blueford High Series by Anne Schraff and Paul Langan

Until We Meet Again sequence

Until We Meet Again

A Matter of Trust

Blood Is Thicker

Secrets in the Shadows sequence

Secrets in the Shadows

Lost and Found

Summer of Secrets

Shattered

The Fallen sequence

Brothers in Arms

The Fallen

Breaking Point

The Bully sequence

The Bully

Payback (The Gun)

Standalone titles

Search for Safety

Schooled

The Test

Someone to Love Me

Del Rio Bay Clique Novels by Paula Chase

- So Not the Drama, #1**
- Don't Get It Twisted, #2**
- That's What's Up, #3**
- Who You Wit', #4**
- Flipping the Script, #5**

Denim Diaries Series by Darrien Lee, YA LEE D

- 16 Going on 21, #1**
- Grown in Sixty Seconds, #2**
- Queen of the Yard, #3**
- Broken Promises, #4**
- Raising Kane, #5**

Divine and Friends by Jacquelin Thomas, YA THOMA J

- Simply Divine, #1**
- Divine Secrets, #2**
- Divine Match-up, #3**
- It's a Curl Thing, #4**
- Split Ends, #5**

Drama High Series by L. Divine, YA DIVIN L

- The Fight, #1**
- Second Chance, #2**
- Jayd's Legacy, #3**
- Frenemies, #4**
- Lady J, #5**
- Courtin' Jade, #6**
- Hustlin', #7**
- Keep It Movin', #8**
- Holidaze, #9**
- Culture Clash, #10**
- Cold As Ice, #11**
- Pushin', #12**

Good Girlz by Reshonda Tate Billingsley

Hotlanta series by Denene Millner, YA MILLN D

The Duke twins, Sydney and Lauren, live the life: They attend the fanciest school in Atlanta, they live in Buckhead, the most exclusive neighborhood, and they only date the hottest guys. And their secrets? Are the darkest of all. When their estranged father is released from prison and a murder is committed, their lives are plunged into a whirlwind of tabloid scrutiny, vicious gossip, and shocking revelation. Lauren, always such a party girl, and Sydney, bent on perfection by way of the Ivy League, can't trust anyone. Not their mother, not their rich stepfather. Maybe not even each other.

Hotlanta, #1

If Only You Knew, #2

What Goes Around, #3

A Keysha Novel by Kimani Press Tru

Keysha's Drama, #1

If I Were Your Boyfriend, #2

Lesson Learned, #3

Decision Time, #4

Myself and I, #5

So For Real Novels by Nikki Carter

It is What It is, #1

It's All Good, #2

Step to This, #3

Cool Like That, #4

Adult Fiction

The Coldest Winter Ever by Sister Souljah

The Diamond District by 50 Cent, FIFTY C

D.J., a recent college graduate who is headed to the Army at the end of the summer, and his childhood friends decide to make quick money by reselling stolen jewelry to a shady dealer. Will D.J.'s illegal dealings put his family and future at risk?

Midnight: A Gangster Love Story by Sister Souljah

Brooklyn based love story between Midnight, a young but streetwise Sudanese immigrant and Akemi, a talented Japanese artist.

Pecking Order by Omar Tyree

The Right Mistake by Walter Mosley

A history of terrible violence including rape and murder followed by 27 years of incarceration in a prison with its own codified violence have helped shape Socrates Fortlow.

Upstate by Kevin Buckhanon

Presents a decade of correspondence between Antonio, initially a teen arrested for murder, and his sweetheart, Natasha. Both from tiny, dark apartments in Harlem, they are passionately in love and lust but destined to walk very different roads.